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**\$220,000 IN EMERGENCY DISASTER GRANTS AWARDED TO ASSIST
LOW-INCOME VICTIMS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES**

Sacramento, Ca. – Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) Director Lloyd Throne announced today that the Department has issued seven emergency disaster grants totaling \$220,000 to assist low-income households, Indian reservations and communities, and migrant and seasonal farmworkers devastated by the Southern California fires.

"Low-income households and residents are hardest hit by natural disasters," said Mr. Throne. "They have the fewest resources to help them cope with the loss of their belongings, their homes, or, in some cases, their livelihoods."

Mr. Throne pointed to one example of the impact of the fires - the burning of more than 30,000 acres of Indian Reservation land in Southern California and the hundreds of Native American evacuees now living on the reservations of other Tribes, in shelters, and other temporary facilities.

The emergency disaster grants will enable CSD's network of community-based service providers to help disaster victims with hotel/motel vouchers, security/rental deposits, transportation, personal hygiene products, blankets, water, and clothing.

Below is a list of the emergency disaster grant recipients:

Campesinos Unidos, Incorporated	\$25,000
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County	\$50,000
Community Action Partnership of San Diego County	\$25,000
La Cooperativa Campesina de California	\$30,000
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission	\$15,000
Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee	\$25,000
Northern California Indian Development Council	\$50,000

In addition, CSD has authorized its energy providers in the affected areas to use their Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance funding to offer emergency energy assistance services, such as temporary shelter and transportation, distribution of portable cooling/heating appliances and generators, and financial assistance with home energy expenses. Residential weatherization services were also expanded to include energy-related repair and site clean-up services for qualified low-income residential dwellings.

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